

STRONGLY OPPOSED TO TAVENNER BILL

Secretary Baker Says Proposed Enactment Would Be Detrimental to Service.

MEASURE IS SUPPORTED
BY ORGANIZED LABOR

Head of War Department Approves
"Time Study" Methods in Government Plants.

Secretary of War Baker sent to Speaker Clark yesterday a long letter in which he expresses the strongest opposition to the Tavenner anti-stopwatch bill, which has been introduced by the Washington navy yard. "I think that such legislation would be unwise," says the Secretary of War, and in another section of the letter he declares that "it would be a grave mistake to the public service and to the employees of the government there engaged (Waterway arsenals) if any action were taken prejudicial to the system that is working so well."

The letter was referred to the committee on military affairs, although the Tavenner bill is now before the committee on labor, where a favorable report was presented.

Secretary Baker also refers to legislation enacted on the army appropriation bill current. This prohibits time studies of employees in government plants.

Cites Effect of System.

"The time study referred to may be defined as a method of ascertaining by careful observation and study in connection with a timing process the most advantageous manner in which a given piece of work can be done, and also the time in which it can reasonably be expected to be done by following this best manner. The premium is an extra cash compensation which is paid to a workman for accomplishing the work in this reasonable time, or for approaching the time within certain rather reasonable limits. The compensation being in addition to the regular wages of the workman, which are not disturbed and depending in amount upon the degree to which he approaches the reasonable time which has been ascertained."

"The timepiece is used only in the study of a new job for the purpose of working it out properly and for ascertaining the proper time for its performance. It is not held over a man for the purpose of ascertaining whether he is working industriously, and its employment is of less and less frequency as information is accumulated which makes special study unnecessary. The premium is the workman's share of the economy which is effected by the system."

Speaks of Bonuses.

Secretary Baker's letter speaks of the amount of bonuses paid to workmen under the system at Watertown arsenal as shown by the most recent monthly report. An average of a little more than \$10 to each workman, as the result of the system, was cited. Secretary Baker says, "Neither the day wage nor the number of employees has diminished, but the amount of work done and the average earnings have increased in an important degree."

The legislation which is being urged upon Congress is advocated by organized labor, which is opposed to the system intended to be prohibited for the reason that it is a speeding-up system. "I cannot understand this charge as having any other meaning than that the work required of the employees by the system is unduly severe," he says. "There is no truth in the charge as far as the government's system at Watertown is concerned."

Evidence "the Other Way."

"There is a good deal of evidence the other way," the letter continues. "There is no complaint of overwork at the arsenal and no workmen have been discharged because of failure to meet the requirements of the system. To prohibit the system of which the record shows undoubted advantages both to the government and to the employees, because of a charge unsupported by evidence, or even by an attempt at evidence, for there has been no effort to prove overwork at the Watertown arsenal—seems to me to be most unwise."

Names Roads Chairman

Gov. Harrington Appoints Frank H. Zouck Head of Maryland Commission.

BALTIMORE, April 22.—Gov. Harrington announced today the appointment of Frank H. Zouck as chairman of the state roads commission. The names of the associate members were withheld, but it is generally understood that Clinton G. Uhl of Allegany county will be the democratic appointee and that State Senator John E. Mader of Charles county will be the republican. It is expected that an announcement saying they have been appointed will be made in the near future.

Mr. Zouck's appointment had been anticipated. For several days it has been generally understood that he would be placed at the head of the commission if a way could be found to take care of Edward White of Worcester county, whom Senator John Walter Smith was backing for a place on the board. Last night it leaked out that Mr. White had been given assurances, satisfactory to him and Senator Smith, of another job, and therefore the only question as to Mr. Zouck's appointment was whether or not he would accept.

He and the governor talked matters over this morning before the appointment was announced. They met in the Union Trust building and conferred. After it was over the governor let it be known that he would be in a position to make a positive announcement in all probability in about an hour, and at 1 o'clock he gave out his statement. Mr. Zouck had been appointed and would accept. The appointment becomes effective immediately.

Chief Justice Covington to Speak.

Chief Justice J. Harry Covington of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia is announced to speak at a meeting of the thirty Citizens' Association Monday evening at 8 o'clock at 1007 14th street northwest.

How Money Was Expended.

His account is curious in indication of the method of spending the "appropriations for Barbary intercourse." He expended \$367.50 for gratuities and presents, "consisting of sabers, swords and belts, richly mounted, for persons distinguished about the court, also for engravings of the United States Senate and cities of New York and Brooklyn, for the day (\$28), and for the customary presents to drummers, musicians and servants on festival and other occasions, and expenses of traveling, including their transportation to Marseille."

Reason for the balance remaining unpaid is given in the fact that no executor or administrator of the estate or any personal representative has ever presented authority to receive the money.

Congressman Padgett Ill.

Representative Padgett of Tennessee, chairman of the House committee on naval affairs, is suffering from an attack of vertigo, which overcame him Friday evening while on his way home from the Capitol. He was considerably improved yesterday afternoon when Secretary Daniels and others called to inquire after him.

TO PAY OVER THE MONEY
DUE SIXTY YEARS AGO

Government Ready to Liquidate
Claim Made by Heirs of John Howard Payne.

After sixty years have passed the government of the United States is prepared to pay to the heirs of John Howard Payne, money remaining due him from the Treasury upon his death at Tunis while stationed there as United States consul. As there may be a multitude of heirs the sum due, \$205.92, may divide up small.

The Treasury Department is now seeking for information as to the whereabouts of any who may have a claim to a share in the payment and for evidence to establish their status as legal heirs. The bill as originally introduced proposed to pay the amount to Mrs. Elise E. Luquer, "daughter and sole heir." As passed and approved by the President, April 3 last, the act provided for payment to "his heirs."

Mrs. Luquer Still Living.

Mrs. Luquer is still living in New York state, according to information laid before Congress. But the author of "Home, Sweet Home" had eight brothers and sisters. Two sisters died in infancy, one brother lived to eleven years of age, the other brothers and sisters dying respectively at twenty-three, thirty-two, forty-nine, sixty and sixty-seven years of age.

When John Howard Payne died, April 9, 1852, his sister, Lucy Taylor Payne Osborn, was alive, the mother of two children, who died in infancy, and a brother, Thaddeus Taylor Payne, who was married. Nothing is known of the surviving progeny of any of his brothers and sisters.

Strangely enough, the song writer did not make claim to all that was due him up to the time of his last accounting. In making up his accounts after his death, it was found that there was an extra \$21.30 to be added to what he had stated as the sum he figured was to be paid him.

THE COURTS.

District Supreme Court.

No session of the court Easter Monday.

EQUITY DIVISION 1—Justice Anderson.

Assignment for Tuesday:

No. 167. Cook agt. Cook; attorneys, Jones & O'Shea.

No. 257. Baker agt. District Amusement Company; attorneys, Colbert & Lombard.

No. 287. Revelle agt. Rannle; attorneys, Lester & Dennis.

No. 288. Thomas agt. Thomas; attorneys, Johnson, Patterson & Hagell.

No. 292. Jones agt. Jones; attorneys, Wright & Wamler.

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